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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - " We thank and applaud passage of H.R. 4887 yesterday in the House of Representative, by a vote of 403-0. Passage of this bill ensures that health care programs for veterans, active duty military, retired military, and their families/survivors will not be affected negatively by the pending health care reform legislation." said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

"It is unfortunate that some continue to raise what is now is even more clearly a false alarm that is apparently meant to frighten veterans and their families in order to prompt them to oppose the pending legislation. While there is legitimate debate as to whether or not the pending health care measures should become law, VVA does not appreciate spreading rumors that are not accurate by any political partisan from any point of the political spectrum." continued Rowan

"Last summer there was a similar incident, also involving partisans in the health care reform debate, that VVA soundly condemned. We said then: "It is our hope that sane minds reject fear-mongering, and that veterans recognize these scare tactics for what they are," Rowan said.

Rowan concluded by saying: "VVA has always worked hard for justice for veterans of all generations, and their families. We have always, and will continue to, work with public officials representing all political parties and points of view. Issues affecting veterans and their families are not, should not, and must not become partisan footballs to bat around. VVA decries any effort, by anyone, that would do just that."